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SUBJECT: GDR APPROACH ON US TELEVISION FREQUENCIES
IN BERLIN

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1. IN THE COURSE OF A CALL IN EUR/CE ON JANUARY 27, GDR
EMBASSY DCM ELM LEFT BEHIND FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE
GDR MINISTRY FOR ,OSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT:

DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
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POLICY (EB/TD)
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

DEAR SIR:

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COORDINATION OF THE EBERSWALDE

TELEVISION RELAY BROADCAST STATION OF THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF A
TELEVISION BROADCAST STATION OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY
ADMINISTRATION IN BERLIN (WEST) OPERATING ON THE SAME
CHANNEL.

WE HAVE TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT WE DO NOT KNOW OF A
TELEVISION BROADCAST STATION IN BERLIN (WEST) LOCATED
AT TEMPELHOF. SO FAR, IT HAS NOT BEEN COORDINATED
WITH OUR COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION. IT IS NOT
INCLUDED IN THE IFRB LIST OF MAIN FREQUENCIES. THUS,
IT COULD NOT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN THE
OFFSET OF OUR EBERSWALDE TELEVISION BROADCAST STATION
WAS DETERMINED.

ANY CHANGE IN THE OFFSET OF THE EBERSWALDE STATION
WOULD PRESUPPOSE THE COORDINATION OF THE TEMPELHOF
STATION WITH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

GOTZE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. END TEXT.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RETURNED LETTER TO ELM UNDER COVER
OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER:

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DEAR MR. ELM:

ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER ARE THE GERMAN AND ENGLISH
TEXTS OF THE LETTER FROM THE GDR MINISTRY OF POSTS
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHICH YOU GAVE ME ON JANUARY 27.
AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION OF RADIO AND
TELEVISION FREQUENCIES IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF
BERLIN. I SUGGEST THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT RAISE THE
MATTER DISCUSSED IN THE LETTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

SINCERELY,

LUCIAN HEICHLER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF CENTRAL
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. END TEXT.

3. GIVEN EXPERIENCE IN RECENT MONTHS, DEPARTMENT DOUBTS THAT THE GDR WILL AGREE TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE FRG AS WE HAVE SUGGESTED. IT IS UNCLEAR TO US WHETHER THE GDR HAS RAISED PROBLEMS WITH THE AFTV FREQUENCY FOR POLITICAL REASONS OR IF INTERFERENCE WILL BE A POSSIBILITY. HOWEVER, IF EBERSWALDE RELAY STATION WILL INTERFERE WITH TEMPELHOF TRANSMITTER, COORDINATION WITH THE GDR SHOULD PROBABLY BE PURSUED BY THE FRG. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF USBERLIN ON PROSPECT OF INTERFERENCE WITH TEMPELHOF TRANSMITTER AND NEED TO ASK FRG TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH GDR. EMBASSY BONN SHOULD ALSO REPORT GDR APPROACH TO THE BONN GROUP.

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